

Spy Pilot Told to Confess

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An American official says U. S. spy plane pilot Francis G. Powers was under orders to admit his espionage mission if captured by the Russians.

George V. Allen, director of the U. S. Information Agency, said yesterday he understood Mr. Powers' admission of his intelligence role to his Soviet captors was in line with instructions from his superiors.

Mr. Allen later said the pistol and hypodermic needle the pilot carried were for use in taking his life only if he were in danger of being tortured.

Mr. Allen belittled speculation that Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev might try to stage a propaganda coup by turning Mr. Powers over to U. S. authorities during the summit conference. He predicted that Khrushchev would hold Mr. Powers "close to his chest for a while." The information chief said about all this country could do would be to try to see that Mr. Powers gets a fair trial.

Mr. Allen conceded that one of the "very difficult problems" raised by the plane incident was the effect on nations with U. S. bases inside their borders. These allies, he said, "will be much more concerned" about U. S. flights.

Rep. Chester Hawley (D., Conn.) was sharply critical of the way the plane incident was handled. Sen. Kenneth B. Keating (R., N. Y.) said, "There is no reason why we should feel the shame and twinge in our national conscience as a result of the incident."

"It's part of the game we haven't been playing alone," he said.

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